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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Atty. Docket No. 01-1096)

In re Application of:)
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Fritz et al.) Group Art Unit:1637
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Serial No. 09/780,206) Examiner: Chunduru, S.
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Filed: February 9, 2001)
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For: System for Simple Nucleic)
Acid Analysis)

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 28, 2004

In Response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, please consider following remarks. No claim is amended.

Claims 36 - 41 and 68 - 76 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 35 and 42 - 67 have been cancelled by previous amendments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her consideration of Applicants' previous arguments and the withdrawal of all previous rejections.

Applicants representative confirms the telephone conference with the Examiner on April 27, 2004 regarding the filing of the translation of the German language priority document. As discussed, Applicants intend to file the appropriate translation and statement of the translator. If Examiner is intending to declare an interference within the next few weeks, Applicants request that the Examiner contact their undersigned representative to confirm that the translation has been filed.

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